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HAPPENED and HAPPENING.

Some Local and County News in Poetic Form

W. D. Talley, of Worcester, now gets his MESSAGE at Laddonia, F. R. D. No. 2.

J. M. Jones, in Bean Creek neighborhood, has sold his farm and moved onto a place near Benton City.

S. B. Coons orders his MESSAGE sent to him at Laddonia, F. R. D. No. 1, instead of Hutchison as formerly.

J. D. Pratt of this city has invented a road drag and it is being given a thoro trial on our streets. It seems to be "the thing."

The creditors of J. M. Beagles of this city have been notified that on the 18th of this month Mr. Beagles was adjudicated bankrupt.

Miss Lena Gass, daughter of A. G. Gass, West of Mexico, will take a three years of training as a nurse in the Baptist Sanitarium in St. Louis.

It is planned by the C. & A. to distribute a large quantity of crushed stone between Mexico and Ryder on the western division and Roodhouse and Bowling Green.

Steve Reighley sold his farm near Mexico to a Stockton county, Mo., man and Mr. Reighley has moved into town. He has charge of another farm east of this city.

The MESSAGE is glad to enroll Frank A. Ehret, of Skinner neighborhood, on its subscription list. Mr. Ehret recently bought the F. N. and Carrie Parker farm, just west of Skinner.

Bear Slough school district, east of Laddonia, says the Herald, is thinking seriously of disorganizing and attaching itself to Laddonia and Farber districts. It will prove a money saver in the end to all concerned.

District conference of the M. E. church, South, held a three days session at Wellsville last week. Dr. H. K. Hinde, Rev. John Anderson, Rev. J. O. Edmonston and J. W. Howell, all of this city, were in attendance.

Rev. T. M. Taylor writes the MESSAGE that the dedication services for the new Methodist church at Laddonia will be as follows: April 11, 7:30 p. m., April 12, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., preaching by Dr. W. B. Palmore of St. Louis. Bro. Taylor says the work in the St. Charles district including Laddonia is in excellent shape.

The MESSAGE is in receipt of an interesting letter from Prof. French Strother, located at Union Hall, Va., formerly school commissioner of Audrain county. He says that he and family have every comfort that old people could ask and are happy and contented, tho the professor himself would rather have a home in Mexico. Says a young man named Johnson, of Friendship, Saling township, Audrain county, called on them recently. Having much rain in that section lately. Ten days ago the farmers began sowing oats; many have made gardens. Mr. Strother speaks of Frank Bruce, J. N. Cross and other prominent teachers of the county. He thinks Audrain ought to adopt school supervision, "and thus place herself where she deserves to be, viz: among the live, progressive counties of the State."

Auxvasse has a horse show April 11th.

A case or two of whooping cough in this city.

Vandalia has her annual horse show next Saturday.

The new railroad may bring Mexico a new depot—if nothing else.

W. W. Boatman, whose parents reside in this city, is a candidate for Mayor of Centralia.

Rev. E. L. Rogers, principal of the Farber schools, is a new reader of the MESSAGE.

Rev. A. W. Pennewell, who also preaches at Warrenton, will have charge of the Martinsburg M. E. church.

Eld. E. R. Childers of Troy preaches for the Martinsburg Christian church the fourth Sunday in each month.

The surveyors for the new cut-off railroad were here last Friday and Saturday, the head surveyor soliciting additional help.

Prof. Robert Harshe, manual training and art teacher in the Mexico public schools, has accepted a like position in the public schools of Columbus, Ga.

John Rosser, at Rush Hill, is \$900 ahead on a land deal—the other fellow threw up the trade for Mr. Rosser's farm and now Rosser is ready to sell again.

F. N. Parker, late of Skinner community, moves his family to Wagoner, I. T. this week. Miss Lottie Parker who is in the Mexico schools will remain until the end of the school year.

Will some one who has a copy of the MESSAGE of Feb. 19, 1903, please bring it to this office; we have lost that number from our file.

Mexican Distinguished.

This item is from the Vandalia Leader:

Born of slave parents in Mexico, Mo., educated in the common schools of Missouri and Illinois, school teacher in the south for several years among his own people, with a scientific knowledge at Knox College, Galesburg, Ill., editor of a weekly paper published in the interest of his race, judge advocate in the United States army in Cuba, is the record made by Rev. Jameson, pastor of the African Methodist Episcopal church at Madison, Wis., the first colored man to officiate as chaplain of the legislature of Wisconsin.

City Election Judges.

The City Council has selected the following judges for the city election April 7:

First Ward.—Voting place at Graham's livery barn. Judges, J. C. Buckner, W. J. Mason, H. T. Brooks, T. J. Clendenin, Wm. Steffens, L. N. Ketter.

Second Ward.—Voting place at Wales' carpenter shop. Judges, John A. Johnson, J. D. Jackman, J. C. Shepherd, Dave Campbell, J. W. Willis, Walter Squires.

Third Ward.—Voting place at City Hall. Judges, Thos. Roden, John Rogers, T. L. Hill, John X. Brown, L. D. Shippee, George Clark.

Fourth Ward.—Voting place at Smith's coal yard. Judges, J. C. V. Baskin, Wm. Canterbury, W. K. Potts, George M. Haskell, Hamilton Hall, Andrew McElhinney.

CHRISTIAN COLLEGE.

An Audrain Boy Has a Few Words—The Building Burned.

Canton, Mo., Mar. 24, 1903.—EDITOR MESSAGE: Believing you a friend of all institutions of learning and that the friends of Christian University living in dear old Audrain should hear of the disastrous calamity which has befallen this old institution of grand reputation, I take the liberty to pen you a few lines, in the interest of Christian University, that they way know. The Christian University burned to the ground yesterday, March 23, at 1:30 o'clock, having stood the blasts for over fifty years. The fire started from a spark from the furnace flue which lodged in the dome.

The Christian University was built in 1850. It was a notable feature of the charter that it granted to women a co-equal and co-ordinate education with men. This was the first original charter in the United States to embody this advanced provision. During the war she was used for a government hospital. She has sent out over the country a great many ministers who are very active today in the cause of Christ.

Hundreds of teachers, professors, editors, physicians, and jurists who were educated at C. U. will sympathize with us in our loss. Audrain county has been greatly blessed from the work of this institution, a number of her boys having been educated here.

There is an effort being made to erect another building which will cost \$40,000. It is stated that the new College will be erected by September 1st.

Altho the College burned down the students and faculty are determined not to stop but will continue for the next two months in the different churches of the city. The Christian, M. E., Baptist, Episcopal churches are opened to us, and regardless of difficulties school will continue. The cost of the old building was \$56,000; insured for only \$8,000.

Wishing the MESSAGE much success and sending greetings to all my friends in Audrain, I remain,

Yours very respt.,
ELMER UNDERWOOD.

Emma Paxton, the colored woman of near Farmer, Pike county, who farms like a man and has been wearing men's clothes for years, has been notified by the newcomers from other states in that neighborhood to leave the county or put on woman's clothes. She has left.

It will astonish victims of the grip to learn that the bacillus of that infernal disease is only one-sixteenth-thousandth of an inch in length and about one-eighth thousandth of an inch in width. The general impression during the epidemic has been that the bacillus must be at least the size of a sea serpent.

Threw Baby From Window.

Louisiana, Mo., Mar. 27.—The home of W. J. Jacquin was almost completely destroyed by fire yesterday. The house was decorated to represent Alaska, in a tour-around-the-world entertainment, being given by the public schools, when a match, carelessly used, ignited some of the cotton, which was used in profusion.

Mrs. Jacquin threw her baby from a window into the arms of a bystander, and then leaped herself after being burned. The house was crowded with ladies, and several had narrow escapes.

Some ran thru the fire to get out, but none was seriously hurt.

THAT NEW R. R.

The message Gave the Public a Point or Two Last week.

Reports are rife as to that new railroad from Mexico leading into St. Louis. The MESSAGE had a word or two last week. Last Friday the Optic-News published the following:

Colts. A. W. Newton and S. A. Ashley, locating engineers for the Chicago and Alton Railroad company, came in on the "com" Tuesday morning, secured a team from the livery stable, and drove over to Traxton, where they spent two days going over the proposed route in that section.

Later: Since the above was put in type, Mr. J. H. Flick, President of Flick & Johnson Construction Co., Davenport, Ia., met Mr. Newton, locating engineer of the proposed new road on Wednesday evening and accompanied him to Mexico, for the purpose of going over Mr. Newton's map and profiles before putting in a bid for the construction of the road. Mr. Flick stated to a representative of the Optic-News that if his company got the contract, work would begin at once, and that they would put on from 500 to 600 teams and steam shovels and from 1,200 to 1,500 men all along the line as under contract the road had to be completed and in operation by Dec. 1st, 1903. The firms of Flick & Johnson are the largest and best equipped railroad construction company in the West. The headquarters of the Construction Company will be in this city, "Hiphrah."

Thursday's Globe-Democrat says: Plans are being made for the construction of that short line between Mexico, Mo., and Old Monroe, Mo., to be used jointly by the C. & A. and the Burlington for Kansas City trains. A. W. Newton has been appointed superintendent of the construction of the new line. It is said that the contracts will be let in a month.

Died in the Philippines.

Festas, Mo., Mar. 26.—A. N. Rambo of Bonne Terre has received word of the death of his son, Guy C. Rambo, who died in the Philippines February 11. He was a member of company G, Eleventh Infantry. He had served in the Spanish-American War, going thru the Cuban campaign. The family formerly lived in St. Louis. Miss Happy Rambo is teaching in the public schools here.

What About It?

The School Bulletin, issued by Prof. Rogers, School Commissioner of Monroe County, publishes the following:

What about Rural School Consolidation? Has the condition of the roads for the past few months convinced you that it is impractical? Not with us. We believe stronger in the plan than ever before. Already it is being discussed in different parts of the county. It is but a question of a very short time until the outlying weak districts will vote to be admitted to the village or city district where they can get better advantage and in turn help to strengthen the village or city school and make it a first class high school. If you cannot read the signs of the times in the present educational movements and clearly see that "consolidation" is the only possible solution to both the road and the school problem, then, just patiently bide the time for ten years and be convinced. But what would be a better and wiser plan is to begin now to investigate earnestly and see for yourself how feasible the plan.

DAVID MOSES

THE POEM OF LIFE IN THE FOOTPRINTS OF PROVIDENCE.

BY TOM BENTON.

CHAPTER I.—ANCESTRY AND INFANCY.

The Bible, the Book of God, begins with the Genesis of the Heavens and Earth, closing this part with the genealogy of Adam who was the son of God. Except Melchisedec, Bible biographies begin with giving the name of the parent. Following this precedent we give the genealogy of David Moses.

Captain William H. Moses was of Scotch descent. In the latter part of the eighteenth century we find them in the State of Virginia. From this state William came to Bourbon county, Kentucky, locating near Paris. His wife was of German extraction; her maiden name was Rachel Spears. God blessed the family for they had lands and slaves, and could give much time to travel and mental culture. After selling their possessions in Kentucky they moved to Boone county, Missouri, near the town of Columbia. The family consisted, besides father and mother, of Wm. H. Jr., who moved after marriage to the western part of the state, dying comparatively young, leaving several sons and a daughter, among them Robert T. and Joel.

Jacob S., who lived out his three score and ten years with his beloved wife, Paulina Payne adjoining the old homestead.

Noah S. who died in early manhood.

John T. M., the father of David, whom God took to himself in 1876, age 54 years.

Eliza, the oldest daughter, married Captain David M. Hickman, leaving three sons, Wm. T., David H. and James J. Hickman.

Elvira married Robert S. Thomas, a teacher in Bonne Femme College; afterward professor in the State University, and the first President of William Jewell College.

Nancy, married Moss Prewitt, a banker of Columbia, Mo.

Margaret M., married Eli E. Bass, the most prosperous farmer in the county at that time.

Sarah, married the late James S. Keen of Audrain county, Mo.

Emily, married Richard C. Branham, a merchant of Columbia Mo., who was drowned in the Gulf of Mexico, near Galveston, Texas. The ship on which he was returning home having burned at sea.

These nine children left families. Noah S. having never married. David's father attended Bonne Femme College and afterwards the State University which at first had to compete with Bonne Femme College, a school of high grade, with preparatory and collegiate departments, located about eight miles south of Columbia on a lot adjoining Little Bonne Femme Baptist church.

This school was patronized by Captain Moses, David M. Hickman, Theodoric Jenkins, whose daughter became Mrs. Mary Barr Hardin, wife of Gov. Chas. H. Hardin, Mason Moss, Wm. Barr and other enterprising settlers of that early day.

When the State University was founded, Captain Moses' family, including sons' and sons-in-law, gave one eighth of the entire amount subscribed to secure its location in Columbia. Captain Moses had a neighbor whose farm was only a mile distant, named Joseph Rivers. His oldest child

was a daughter named Minerva F. who stood at the head of her classes in the neighborhood school, called Grindstone Academy. She had dark hair, gray-blue eyes, rather a prominent nose and what is termed a firm-set mouth. This young lady was vivacious and witty, but exceptionally spiritual and self-possessed. John Moses fell so desperately in love with the maiden that he proposed marriage tho' only nineteen, while she was his junior by three years. The greatest difficulty then was to get the consent of their parents, for both were too well trained in religious principles to think of running away. After much persuasion their parents consented under protest; so in 1843, John, at 20, and Minerva at 17 were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. In January, 1845, at the home of Joseph Rivers, about three miles south of Columbia, David Moses first saw the sweet light of day. His father was as proud of his boy as Abraham was of Isaac, while his mother felt like Hannah of old, that she wanted to dedicate the child to the Lord as long as he liveth. Captain Moses had given his youngest son, John, one hundred and twenty acres of land, and a family of negroes. John built a small two-story frame house, besides a negro house, or cabins, they were called, though often of nice brick structures.

In February, 1847, a little sister came to cheer David, and on August 29, 1848, a second boy arrived—and in June, 1851, Jabez came. So now David, Jabez and Jabez had a busy mother—and and heart at constant work to supply their real and imaginary wants.

Among the many who were seized with the gold fever of 1849 was 1849 was Joseph Rivers. Among the first of David's memories was the big wagon with its peculiar long bed, low in the center and curved so as to float like a boat in crossing the rivers. The six horses with Grandfather Rivers holding the lines and his uncle William hardly grown taking farewell, to cross the plains, was a picture not easily forgotten.

David's mother had taught him with his first lesson in language two prayers—the Lord's prayer in verse:

Our father in heaven,
We hallow thy name;
May thy kingdom holy
On earth be the same;
Oh, give us thy daily
Our portion of bread,
It is from thy bounty
That all must be fed.
Forgive our transgressions
And teach us to know
That humble compassion
That pardons each foe;
Lead us not into temptation,
But keep us from sin,
And thine be the glory
Forever, Amen.

Also—
Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray thee Lord my soul to keep,
If I should die before I wake,
I pray thee Lord my soul to take,
And this I ask for Jesus' sake,
Amen.

His father began the morning by singing—

The morning bright with rosy light
Hath waked me from my sleep;
Father, I own thy love alone,
Thy little one doth keep.

All thru the day I humbly pray
Be thou my guard and guide,
My sins forgive and let me live,
Blest Jesus, near thy side,
The Bible was the one book
loved by all.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

This found in the Montgomery City Standard: J. W. Trimble, who has been undergoing treatment at the Mullanphy hospital in St. Louis for some time, came up Sunday night somewhat improved. He says he is not yet strong enough to return to his farm near Santa Fe, Mo., and may go to Hot Springs.